DESIREE DOZIER GOOCH

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on January 22, 2008, Desiree Dozier Gooch, also known as "Dee Dee," "Mama Gooch," "Mama Des" and "Grady" to all who know and love her, will celebrate her glorious 90th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Desiree was born in East St. Louis and raised in St. Louis, born to Hattie Wheat and Walter Dozier and was educated in the St. Louis Public School System and attended Vashon High school; and

WHEREAS, Desiree was married to Clyde Russell Gooch (deceased) for over 50 years and they began a family which includes their ten children, six boys and four girls, and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Desiree resided at 4549 Lexington Avenue for over 52 years; and

WHEREAS, Desiree is an esteemed community leader; having worked tirelessly in the 21st Ward for many years and a church and choir member of Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church and St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Desiree retired from the Missouri Department of Revenue after 16 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Desiree Dozier Gooch on the occasion of her 90th Birthday and we wish her continued peace, good health and happiness and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 18th day of January, 2008 by:

Honorable Bennice Jones King, Alderman 21st Ward

Adopted this the 18th day of January, 2008 as attested by: